Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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Claim 33 (currently amended): Isolated or purified antibodies which are capable of reacting with a persephin polypeptide with about 80% or greater identity to SEQ-ID-NO:185, SEQ-ID-NO:187, SEQ-ID-NO:196, SEQ-ID-NO:198, SEQ-ID-NO:217 or SEQ-ID-NO:221.

Claim 33 (previously added): The antibodies of claim 32, wherein the antibodies are polyclonal.

Claim 34 (previously added): The antibodies of claim 32, wherein the antibodies are monoclonal.

Claim 35 (previously added): A method of preparing the antibodies of claim 32 comprising immunizing an animal with a polypeptide comprising at least a portion of the persephin polypeptide.

Claim 36 (previously added): The method of claim 35, wherein the polypeptide comprises an oligopeptide that is a part of the persephin polypeptide.

Claim 37 (previously added): The method of claim 36, wherein the oligopeptide is hydrophilic.

Claim 38 (previously added): The method of claim 36, wherein the oligopeptide amino acid sequence is conserved within the GDNF/neurturin/persephin family.

Claim 39 (canceled)

Claims 40-59 (withdrawn)